

## SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 5

Introduced by: Senators Peterson (Jim), Bradford, Buhl O'Donnell, Cammack, Ewing, Frerichs, Greenfield (Brock), Heinert, Hunhoff (Bernie), Olson, Otten (Ernie), Parsley, Rampelberg, Rave, Rusch, Soholt, Solano, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, Van Gerpen, and Vehle and Representatives Bartling, Anderson, Bolin, Bordeaux, Feickert, Gibson, Gosch, Hawks, Hawley, Heinemann (Leslie), Killer, Kirschman, McCleerey, Qualm, Ring, Rounds, Schoenfish, Schrempp, Soli, and Werner

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, recognizing and honoring South Dakota Farmers Union for its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, South Dakota Farmers Union was established in 1915 to advocate on farmers' behalf across the state of South Dakota through education programs, cooperative support, rural development and legislative action; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Farmers Union's mission since its inception is to preserve family farms, save the rural way of life, and protect future generations of farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, thousands of young people in South Dakota have come to appreciate agriculture and the rural way of life through Farmers Union education events since 1919; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Farmers Union has taken the lead in advocating for landowners, farmers, and ranchers throughout its one hundred year existence; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Farmers Union believes strongly in the talent and potential of rural South Dakotans and has worked to create partnerships throughout the state to cultivate that talent and potential to bring about economic development in our rural areas; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota Farmers Union has a proud history and bright future as it continues to play an important role in agricultural policy in South Dakota:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninetieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that South Dakota Farmers Union will be honored on February 3, 2015, for its birthday and its dedication to advocating for the best interests of farmers and ranchers across South Dakota for one hundred years.